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OUTPUT OF MEDICINAL SUPPLIES UNSATISFACTORY

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The medical industry was made an independent branch of the national economy in view of the fact that it would have to restore the prewar output of instruments and medicinal products, and multiply production of the more widely used and necessary medicinal products whose manufacture we had not mastered before the war. But 18 month's experience of the work of the medical industry has shown not only that prewar standards have not been reached, but also that the output of the chief medicinal products in 1947 was less than in 1946.

The quality of the products is unsatisfactory. Familiarization with the production of even the simple instruments, particularly those needed by specialties such as ophthalmic surgery and otorhinolaryngology, has lagged behind, and very often the work of our therapeutic and prophylactic institutions is retarded thereby.

We find the development of the medical industry unsatisfactory. Reorganization is required, especially in the sphere of medicinal-product supply to consumers. The first thing to be done is to put the estimation of the demand for products, medical equipment, and apparatus on a scientific basis. Moreover, there are many faults in the planning, equipping, and financing of public health institutions.

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